



Application for United States Patent

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ROLL APPARATUS OF CONTINUOUS CASTER AND CYLINDRICAL ROLLER BEARING FOR

SUPPORTING ROLL OF CONTINUOUS CASTER

the specification of which:  
(check one)

(is attached hereto)  
 was filed on July 2, 2003,  
as Application Serial No. 10/611,678  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56\*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

P. 2002-194574 (Number)	Japan (Country)	3/July/2002 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	priority claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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**Power of Attorney:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Sean M. McGinn, Reg. No. 34, 386, and Frederick W. Gibb, III, Reg. No. 37,629, as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC, 8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, Virginia 22182-3817. Telephone calls should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC at (703) 761-4100. Customer No. 21254

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(An additional sheet(s) is/are attached hereto if the present invention includes more than four inventors.)

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